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63rd Montana Legislature

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

June 27, 2014
8:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 102

Please note: All times are tentative. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.

Friday, June 27

8:00 a.m. Call to Order -- Roll Call -- Representative Margie MacDonald, Presiding Officer

8:05 a.m. Committee Issue: National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and Mental Health

- Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst
- Jon Bennion, Deputy Attorney General, Montana Department of Justice
- Public comment
- Questions from the committee, direction to staff, and *optional action*

8:30 a.m. Committee Issue: Re-entry Task Force Update

- Director Mike Batista, Montana Department of Corrections (DOC)
- Adrienne Slaughter, Government Relations Director, DOC
- Donna Huston, Task Force community representative
- Public comment
- Questions from the committee

9:15 a.m. Agency Oversight: Department of Corrections Contract Monitoring

- Pat Smith, Contract Placement Bureau Chief, DOC
- Ross Johnson, Senior Performance Auditor, Legislative Audit Division
- Public comment
- Questions from the committee

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. Committee Issue: Crossroads Correctional Center (Shelby) -- Should the LJIC proceed with a draft letter requesting an investigation of the prison?

- Presiding Officer MacDonald
- Public comment

- Questions from the committee
 - *Action Item:* Does the LJIC wish to proceed with a draft letter for review at its fall meeting?
- 11:00 a.m. SJ 22 Study: Collaborative Law Model
- Tal Goldin, Attorney, Wells & McKittrick (Missoula)
 - Audrey Cromwell, Attorney, Cromwell Law (Bozeman)
 - Kathryn Mazurek, Attorney, Brown Law Associates (Bozeman)
 - Hilary Oitzinger, Attorney (Great Falls)
 - Public comment
 - Questions from the committee
- 11:45 a.m. SJ 22 Study: Family Law Discussion by the Board of Trustees of the State Bar of Montana
- Mark Parker, Attorney and President-Elect of the State Bar
 - Public comment
 - Questions from the committee
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Agency Oversight: Agency Legislative Proposals
- Rachel Weiss -- Background
- Order
- Agency presentation
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions and discussion
 - *Action Item:* Authorize drafting of agency proposal(s)
- Judicial Branch
 - Office of the Public Defender
 - Department of Corrections
 - Department of Justice
 - POST Council
 - Board of Pardons and Parole - none
 - Board of Crime Control - none
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Committee Issue: Update on HJ 16 (Study of state institutions)
- Rachel Weiss
 - Public comment
 - Questions from the committee
- 3:30 p.m. Agency Oversight: Administration Rule Review and Review of Advisory

Councils and Required Reports

- Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney -- rule review
- Rachel Weiss -- advisory councils/required reports
- Public comment
- Questions from the committee

3:45 p.m. Public comment on SJ 3 and SJ 22 Preliminary Draft Legislation

4:15 p.m. Public comment on any other item within the committee's jurisdiction but not on this agenda

4:30 p.m. Committee Work Session

- SJ 3 study:
 - review of possible committee bills discussed at previous meetings;
 - request additional drafts for review in fall;
 - request formal committee bill(s)?
 - Other items?
- SJ 22 study:
 - review of possible committee bills discussed at previous meetings;
 - request additional drafts for review in fall;
 - request formal committee bill(s)?
 - Other items?
- Recommendations on review of advisory councils and required reports?
- Other requests for draft legislation?
- Member issues for fall meeting?
- Next meeting: Fall 2014

5:15 p.m. Adjourn

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